
Bayview Waterfront



Bed and Breakfast

Belle Haven, Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **Green Lodging** encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. **Green Lodging** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

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Bayview Waterfront Bed and Breakfast is on a hill overlooking Occohannock Creek with an expansive view to the Chesapeake Bay. Built in the "big house, little house" style unique to the Eastern Shore, the three original sections of the house date back from about 1800. The bed and breakfast features two double guest rooms. Bayview Waterfront Bed and Breakfast is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.



Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Bayview Waterfront, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

- ☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your stay.
 - Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
 - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
 - Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- ☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Green Lodging Facilities must provide recycling. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to guests with clear signage. A general commitment to reducing total amount of waste should be made.
 - Recycle: Glass, Aluminum Cans, Steel Cans, Plastic, Newspaper, Cardboard, Packing Supplies
 - Compost excess food waste
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - Eliminate use of Styrofoam
 - Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
 - Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
 - Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
 - Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
 - Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
 - Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
 - Use two-sided copying and printing
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms

- Use latex paint
- Recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.

- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.

- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Individual thermostats in each room
- Use natural lighting and lighting sensors
- Thermal rated windows and insulation

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **Bayview Waterfront Bed and Breakfast**, see www.bayviewwaterfrontbedandbreakfast.com or contact Mary Will Browning at browning@esva.net.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



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